



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/624,069	07/21/2003	Rakesh Agrawal	ARC920030034US1	6946
29154	7590	03/26/2008	EXAMINER	
FREDERICK W. GIBB, III Gibb & Rahman, LLC 2568-A RIVA ROAD SUITE 304 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401			PADMANABHAN, KAVITA	
		ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER	
		2161		
		MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE
		03/26/2008		PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Frederick W. Gibb, III  
GIBB & RAHMAN, LLC  
2568-A Riva Road  
Suite 304  
Annapolis, MD 21401

In re Application of:  
AGRAWAL et al.  
Application No. 10/624,069  
Filed: July 21, 2003  
For: MINING ASSOCIATION RULES OVER  
PRIVACY PRESERVING DATA

**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

This is a decision on the petition, filed on 02 November 2006, under 37 CFR § 1.182. The petition is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to invoke Supervisory Authority of the Director and to request the Director to order the Examiner to enter and consider the declaration filed on 26 September 2006.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d) states, in part:

If an applicant timely files a submission and fee set forth in § 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office action and the submission will be entered and considered...

37 C.F.R. § 1.181(c) states, in part:

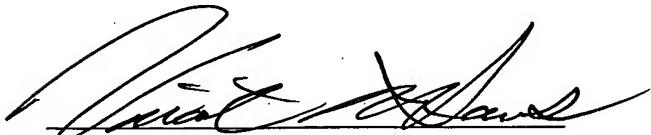
When a petition is taken from an action or requirement of an examiner in the ex parte prosecution of an application, or in the ex parte or inter partes prosecution of a reexamination proceeding, it may be required that there have been a proper request for reconsideration (§ 1.111) and a repeated action by the examiner...

A review of application file history, it revolves that the declaration dated 26 September 2006 was filed to replace the declaration of 11 April 2006 and was filed after the Final Office action mailed 28 June 2006 and but before the filing of RCE on 27 October 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), the declaration and amendment of 26 September 2006 was entered and considered by the examiner.

Accordingly, the petition of 02 November 2006 is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**. Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(c), the petition is hereby **DISMISSED** and treated as a request for

reconsideration of the holding deficiency of the declaration. A delay to render a decision on the petition is hereby regretted.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.



Vincent N. Trans  
Quality Assurance Specialist  
(Formerly Special Program Examiner)  
Technology Center 2100  
Computer Architecture, Software, and  
Information Security